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Lebanon

**IDF Redeployment** — Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens told Jerusalem television that the IDF redeployment will take place over the "next few months" and that contacts are under way with the Lebanese Army and the Americans in this regard. Asked about comments by Lebanese officials that this move will lead to the partitioning of Lebanon, Arens said Lebanon is already partitioned and the redeployment is a step in the "opposite direction." If the Lebanese Army prevents the PLO from entering the areas vacated by the IDF and if security in northern Israel is not affected, Arens continued, Israel will be prepared to vacate other areas and withdraw south of the Al-'Awwali River. Arens denied Israel is discriminating against the Druze and said great efforts are being made to work out an agreement between the Druze and Phalangists.

According to IDF Radio, the redeployment will be carried out in several stages to be completed by the beginning of winter. The IDF will first withdraw to the Ad-Damur River and then to the Al-'Awwali, bypassing Al-Baruk mountain, which will remain under Israeli control.

In Washington Foreign Minister Elie Salim reaffirmed the Lebanese Government's opposition to any partial withdrawal, stating that any withdrawal must be within the context of a total withdrawal, Beirut radio reported.

**Beirut Shelling, Explosion** — The purpose of the 19 July shelling of Beirut apparently was to foil the government's efforts to ensure calm and stability and to frustrate efforts to consolidate security, an official Lebanese spokesman stated according to Beirut radio. Voice of Lebanon radio claimed that Syrian military officials decided at a 14 July meeting to expand shelling to East Beirut in order to pressure the government.

Meanwhile, a strong explosion rocked the Summerland Hotel in Beirut, according to Beirut radio. The exact number of dead and injured is not known and rescue operations continue.

**Al-Wazzan Assassination Plot** — Internal Security Forces uncovered a plot to assassinate Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan, Beirut radio announced. Five suspects have been detained.

**Shelling in Galilee** — For the first time since the invasion of Lebanon two shells fired from Lebanese territory landed in "western Galilee," Jerusalem radio announced.

Israel

**More on Cancellation of U.S. Visit** — Prime Minister Menahem Begin canceled his U.S. visit for both political and personal

reasons, according to government sources cited by *Ha'aretz*. The political reasons were Begin's fear of U.S. pressure over Lebanon and the personal reasons were connected with his desire to avoid making public appearances because of his current "depressed state." However, Begin's media adviser Uri Porat claimed that the prime minister's "moral health" is particularly "outstanding" and that Begin is functioning "exceptionally well," according to remarks reported by ITIM. There are no special problems in bilateral relations that require Begin to travel to Washington, Porat said, and "nothing special" was expected of the visit.

**Relations With Egypt** — Israeli political sources regard with the "utmost gravity" Egyptian Minister of State Butrus Ghali's statement that Egypt will not return its ambassador to Tel Aviv until Israel fully withdraws from Lebanon, *Ha'aretz* reported. The Israeli ambassador to Cairo has returned to Jerusalem for consultations about this turn in Egypt's policy, the paper said. Ghali said in an interview with Israel's *Yedi'ot Aharonot* that Egypt has not changed its decision to send a new ambassador to Tel Aviv when Israel issues a timetable for withdrawal from Lebanon. Egypt's demand for a "new political atmosphere" in bilateral relations is nothing new, Ghali added.

**Sharon's Future** — Prime Minister Begin is "tired" of Minister Without Portfolio Ari'el Sharon and will not oppose him if he decides to resign from the Cabinet, *Ma'ariv* reported citing sources in the government.

**New Settlements** — Nahal is planning to establish nine military settlements in Judaea and Samaria during the next few months, according to a report by Nahal's magazine, *Bamahane Nahal*, cited by *The Jerusalem Post*.

Iraq

Iraq has already used French Exocet missiles against Iran and intends to use them again to strike at Iranian oil installations in the Gulf in retaliation for Iran's attacks on Iraqi oil installations and obstruction of Iraqi oil exports, Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz declared at a Baghdad press conference reported by Radio Monte Carlo. 'Aziz said the Gulf countries' assistance to Iraq is "big if we consider that Iraq is only defending itself, but is minimal if we consider that Iraq is defending itself and the Arab brothers." He said Iraq will foil Iran's "new war of attrition" against the Iraqi economy, adding that countries and companies "trust" the Iraqi economy despite some "slight misunderstandings."

An INA report on 'Aziz' press conference did not mention his remarks about Exocets but quoted him as saying that Iraq is ready to repulse, destroy, and take preemptive action against any Iranian attack.

## Iran

**Arms Purchase Denial** — Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi categorically denied Western reports that Iran has purchased arms from the West through South Korea, according to IRNA.

**Crossborder Operation** — Islamic revolution guards and other government security forces crossed into Iraq from west Azarbaijan to eliminate "counterrevolutionary" bases, IRNA announced. Iraqi forces which rushed to rescue the insurgents were compelled to flee. Meanwhile, nine border battalions have been formed to combat counterrevolutionaries, smuggling, and theft in the eastern provinces, IRNA noted.

**Pilgrimage Delegation Returns** — A delegation discussed the problems and "obstacles" placed in the path of Iranian pilgrims to Mecca with Saudi officials during the past few days, Tehran radio reported. In a statement made on its return, the delegation described the Saudi "opposition" to the Iranian pilgrims as an expression of Saudi "hostility" toward Iran.

## Jordan

**Crown Prince Hasan ruled out a possible visit to Jerusalem by King Husayn in view of Israel's "intransigent" stand,** Radio Monte Carlo reported.

## PLO

**PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat arrived in Aden for talks with PDRY leaders on Arab and Palestinian developments,** Aden radio reported. Earlier, 'Arafat held two meetings in San'a' with YAR President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih and also met with Palestinian pilots in the YAR city of Al-Hudaydah, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio noted.

## Afghanistan

**'Real Reason' for USSR Invasion** — The "real reason" for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was to prevent a U.S. Invasion of Iran, Genrikh Trofimenko, chief of a department of the United States of America and Canada Institute, declared in an interview with the Stockholm paper *Dagens Nyheter*. The Soviet official admitted that the USSR was "not entirely sure" that the United States would invade Iran, but said the Soviet Union "could not take any risks." The Soviet Union is now "trying to withdraw" from Afghanistan, he added.

**MIG-27 Downed** — Afghan mujahidin downed a Soviet MIG-27 in Herat Province on 8 July, Tehran radio reported.

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**BAKHTAR Raps 'Cock And Bull Story' of Executions***LD210546 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0418 GMT 21 Jul 83*

[Text] Kabul, July 20, BAKHTAR — A political observer of BIA writes: Western news media acting as handmaidens of imperialists in their psychological warfare against the revolutionary Afghanistan continue dishing out one propaganda delicacy after another for the consumption by the gullible.

The latest from them is the cock and bull story about some imaginary executions this month of some "elders" in Ghazni in Afghanistan.

By fabricating and circulating such white lies the Western propaganda pursues definite aims. It seeks for instance to tarnish the humane aspect of the policies pursued by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA], which has been dominant especially in the new phase of the April Revolution. Every one with any objective knowledge of affairs in present day Afghanistan knows that respect for the seniors, tribal elders, clergymen and scholars, an ingredient of Afghan tradition, is also a component part of the new national democratic system practised by the revolutionary state of Afghanistan. In fact the ever increasing frequency of the visits to Kabul by elderly representatives of various tribes and nationalities of Afghanistan and their meetings with the party and state leadership, including Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, are a vivid testimony of this fact.

The humanism of the revolutionary party and state of Afghanistan is also manifest in the treatment it metes out even to those who are in opposition to it and may have taken up arms against the people and revolution. There is no question of any revengefulness, but on the contrary there is a standing general amnesty for those of the deceived people who would repent their deeds.

There is no punishment awarded to anyone without a fair trial. Even then, every few months the revolutionary state grants pardon to large numbers of prisoners sentenced for counter-revolutionary crimes. Even in conditions of continued undeclared war waged by imperialism and regional reaction against the DRA, the revolutionary state has not forgone even for a moment the norms of democratic legality.

On the other hand, it is the lackeys of imperialism and regional reaction who violate all norms of human conduct after sneaking into the territory of the DRA from the adjoining Pakistan.

It is these counter-revolutionary bandits who have murdered hundreds of notable religious leaders, tribal elders, leading intellectuals, teachers and doctors.

Victims of these obscurantist murderers were even old men, children and women, destroyed by them were places of culture, monuments of civilization, bridges, hospitals, schools and so on.

Yet it is these very criminals for whom the Western news media hold the brief. It is not unnatural either. Birds of feather flock together.

**SPA Reports on 'Fierce Fighting Around Kabul'***LD192038 Riyadh SPA in English 1919 GMT 19 Jul 83*

[Text] Islamabad, July 19 (SPA) — One MiG bomber and two Mi-2 helicopter gunships were shot down and over two dozen Russians killed and scores of armoured personnel carriers (APCs) destroyed in fierce fighting around Kabul before and after 'Id al-Fitr festival, reports given by Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad said today.

Diplomats talked of heavy Soviet-Afghan casualties with an Afghan colonel from the 8th Division seriously injured and six Soviets killed last June.

Diplomats said heavy fighting in the outskirts of Qarbagh [spelling as received] caused blockade on the strategic highway linking Kabul with the Soviet Union.

Diplomats also talked of a friction between Soviets and Afghan troops near mouth of Lowgar valley as none wanted to enter first that death-trap where regime APCs were reportedly ringed by mujahidin mines.

A dozen white-bearded elders from prominent Afghan religious figures of Ghazni town were executed by Soviet troops in retaliation for mujahidin successful attacks on Soviet and Afghan troops.

**Nur Ahmad Nur, Delegation Depart for Cuba 20 Jul***LD202227 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 20 Jul 83*

[Text] Nur Ahmad Nur, member of the Politburo, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, and vice chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, heading a party and government delegation, left today for Havana at the invitation of the Communist Party and the Government of Cuba to attend the 30th anniversary of attack on (?Moncada) Barracks.

The delegation was seen off at Kabul airport by Saleh Mohammad Ziray, member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo; Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee; members of the Central Committee; Sakhi Daneshjo, deputy minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; deputy head of the Protocol Department of the above ministry; Aleksandrov, charge d'affaires of the USSR Embassy in Kabul; and the charge d'affaires of the Cuban Embassy in Kabul.

**Agreement Signed With India on Tista River Waters**

*BK210248 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT  
20 Jul 83*

[Text] Bangladesh and India have signed an ad hoc agreement to share the Tista waters till the end of 1985 and under an arrangement, Bangladesh will get 36 percent of the river's waters, India, 39 percent and rest, 25 percent will remain unallocated.

The agriculture minister, Mr Obaidullah Khan, and the Indian irrigation minister, Mr Ram Niwas Mirdha, signed the agreement in Dhaka today on behalf of their respective countries on the concluding day of the 3-day meeting of the Joint Rivers Commission [JRC].

Mr Mirdha, who is the current chairman of the JRC, told a news conference that the Ganges issue has been taken out from the joint committee of experts [words indistinct] of JRC and that now the ministerial-level JRC itself will study the economic, technical, and implementation aspects of the proposals by two sides for augmenting the dry season flow of the Ganges.

Mr Obaidullah Khan said the irrigation secretaries of the two countries will work out the details on sharing the Tista waters during the stipulated period in next 60 to 90 days on the basis of shares allocated.

Reading out the joint press release issued at the end of the talks, Mr Mirdha said the ad hoc agreement on dry season Tista sharing has been reached in a spirit of friendship and goodneighborliness. He said the shares of the two countries and the unallocated portion of the Tista waters are subject to reallocation after the scientific studies which will be undertaken forthwith and completed before the end of 1985.

Earlier, the Indian irrigation minister, Mr Mirdha, called on the foreign minister, Mr A. R. Shamsud Doha, in Dhaka this morning. He was accompanied by the Indian high commissioner, Mr

I. P. Khosla. Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Air Vice Marshal Retired A. K. Kandakar was also present on the occasion.

**Communications Minister Describes Visit to DPRK**

*BK210242 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT  
20 Jul 83*

[Text] The deputy chief martial law administrator [DCMLA] and minister for communications, Rear Admiral M.A. Khan, left for Sri Lanka today to attend the 3-day regional meeting of the railway ministers of South Asian countries. The meeting begins in Colombo tomorrow.

The DCMLA told newsmen prior to his departure that the meeting will discuss areas of mutual cooperation in the railway sector among the South Asian nations.

Earlier, on his arrival from the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, Rear Adm M.A. Khan told newsmen at the airport that North Korea is keen to expand its cooperation with Bangladesh in the fields of agriculture, trade, and shipping. A trade delegation from that country will visit Bangladesh soon to discuss matters relating to the promotion of trade and commerce between the two countries. He said North Korea has also agreed to sign a shipping agreement with Bangladesh. It has offered to give 50,000 tons of cement at the concessional price.

About his 2-hour-long and fruitful discussions with President Kim Il-song, he said President Kim informed him of his country's keen interest to help Bangladesh in the agriculture sector. A joint agricultural commission has already been formed to promote cooperation in this field.

The North Korean president appreciated Bangladesh's role as member of the Nonaligned Movement and current chairman of the Group of 77 in fostering South-South cooperation and in establishing a new international economic order.

**Gandhi Condemns 'New Trend' of Sikhs Disruption**

*BK201325 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT  
20 Jul 83*

[Text] The prime minister today strongly condemned the opposition parties, Akali Dal and the protagonists of Khalistan, for what she described as concerted efforts to weaken the country.

Addressing a public meeting in Joshimath, Mrs Gandhi said that a new trend has started following the movement by the Akalis and the activities of similar disruptive forces. She said the agitation in Punjab is confined to the Akalis and does not have the support of the entire Sikh community. The movement has gone out of control of its sponsors and is not confined to the acceptance of the Akali demands alone as the Akali Dal has political ambitions, she added.

**Strikes Banned in Delhi Electricity Sector**

*BK210258 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT  
20 Jul 83*

[Text] Strikes have been banned with immediate effect in the power services in Delhi. The lieutenant governor, Mr Jag Mohan, issued the ban order today under the Essential Services Maintenance Act. The ban will cover production, supply, and distribution of power. Strikes declared or commenced before and after the issue of the order by any person in the power sector will be treated as illegal.

The order comes in the wake of the strike by the engineers of the Delhi electricity undertaking. The minister of state for energy, Mr Chandra Shekhar Singh, has called a high-level meeting of officers to discuss the problem. Meanwhile, several areas in west and south Delhi again went without electricity and water today despite claims of normalcy by the authority.

**Communist Party Urges Punjab, Assam Resolutions**

*BK210251 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT  
20 Jul 83*

[Text] The Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of India has expressed concern over the Punjab situation. It has asked the prime minister to take steps to find an expeditious solution of the issue.

The committee meeting, which ended in New Delhi yesterday, adopted a resolution urging the government to take initiatives in resolving the foreign nationals issue in Assam. Briefing newsmen, the party general secretary, Mr Rajeshwar Rao, said that the Assam border should be sealed and the decision to detect and deport foreigners who entered the state after March 1971 should be implemented vigorously.

**Government To Buy Helicopters, Missiles From UK**

*BK201417 Delhi General Overseas Service in English  
1330 GMT 20 Jul 83*

[Text] India is purchasing the advanced Sea King helicopters from Britain. This was disclosed by the defense minister, Mr Venkataraman, at a meeting of the consultative committee of his ministry in New Delhi today. The Sea King helicopters can be used in a variety of ways including antisubmarine, antiship, and search and rescue missions.

The government has also decided to acquire the Sea Eagle missiles, which are also British manufactured. The contracts to purchase the helicopters and missiles were concluded in New Delhi yesterday. An earlier version of the Sea King helicopter is already in service with the Indian Navy.

### President Addresses Pakistanis Living in Tokyo

BK201737 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT  
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[Text] The president, General Mohammad Ziaul Haq, has said he will announce the future political structure of the country on the 14th of next month as promised by him to the nation.

Addressing Pakistanis living in Japan in Tokyo, he said his government's main endeavor is to introduce an Islamic system in the country. Elections, he added, are not an end, but a means toward the end. The elections should lead to stability instead of chaos and disruption. Pakistan cannot afford elections which produce chaos and enable certain elements to harm the country's Islamic ideology.

Referring to the great economic strides in the field of agriculture, the president said the country's exports registered a 30 percent rise in the recent past. There are signs of prosperity and the living standard of the people had also improved. The country's prestige abroad, he added, had been enhanced.

The president exhorted the members of the Pakistan community to display exemplary conduct and act as ambassadors of good will for their country.

Later, during the question hour, the president said the Pakistan Government had awarded merit scholarships to deserving students to the order of 20 million rupees.

### NAWA-E WAQT Comments on Party Politics

GF210602 Karachi Nawa-e Waqt in Urdu 16 Jul 83 p 3

[Internation edition editorial: "President Zia and Questions to the Politicians"]

[Text] The secretary general of the defunct Jama'at-e Islami, Qazi Husain Ahmad, has said that the MRD cannot launch a movement because (according to him) people have rejected the parties forming the MRD. The real movement would be that which is launched jointly by Jama'at-e Islami, the Muslim League, Jamiat-e Ulema-i Pakistan, and Jamiat-e Ulema-i Islam.

He expressed these views while addressing a gathering in Peshawar and he warned that the government should not be happy over the failure of the recent "Black Day" program of the MRD because if the public mistrusts the MRD, it is not happy with the 6-year output of the present regime either.

It looks rather strange that the Jama'at-e Islami leaders should, on the one hand, repeatedly express their disconnection with MRD and call the MRD movement a complete failure and then try to launch a movement of their own in cooperation with other parties. Prior to this, the president of Jama'at, Mian Tufail Mohammad, has been saying that no movement has ever succeeded in bringing back democracy but, of course, martial law governments have been coming one after the other and he does not want a new martial law to replace the present one. In addition to that, he does not want to launch a movement because of the

threats looming on the country's borders. He thinks that a movement in these circumstances would strengthen those elements waiting for excuses to invite foreign intervention. However, it seems that there is some change coming into the thinking and expressions of these elements. In an interview on 'Id day and the following day at a gathering, these elements openly discussed a joint program of the political parties on the basis of cooperation and unity.

In his interview, the Mian Sahib said that in the past, elements nurturing different views have strived for a constitutional life and safeguards for civil rights from one platform and that this has happened not once, but several times. If they are compelled, they will do so again because those elements which hold differing views on irreconcilable points might join together on the points on which their differences are not so wide apart. He said he does not want to start the movement under the circumstances now prevailing, as he fears the result would be terribly harmful. But if this patriotism is taken by the present rulers as a sign of weakness on his part, then they will be held responsible for the deterioration of the situation and for not reading the writing on the wall.

Change in the situation brings change in thinking. If the movements launched in Pakistan as in the past, which brought nothing but loss and uncertainty to the country, are repeated, and if we fail to learn from past mistakes, then it is obvious that we are treading an unwise and imprudent path. It is, therefore, worth considering whether the proposed new movement, which is to be launched with the cooperation of certain political parties, will guarantee the necessary good will and magnanimity which is required in such a journey among the copassengers. It should also be seen whether these political parties shun their routine platitudes when they refer to other parties. No doubt, these parties are the forerunners of democracy and Islam, but are their leaders ready to say their prayers in each other's company? Foreign missionaries are having an intensely busy time in Pakistan, but thinking and expressions of the leaders of the political parties make it difficult to believe that they consider others also as Muslims like themselves.

Leaving aside the proposed movement of the Jama'at-e Islami and the possible cooperation and unity among the elements having different views, the matter to be considered is that his excellency the president is leaving for Japan and thinking of going to Turkey soon after his return from Japan. This is at a time when he needed complete rest after his operation and before the 14 August declaration of the future political infrastructure, he needed deep deliberation, brainwork, consultations, and contemplation, unless he is certain that like the failure of the MRD "Black Day," any other movement is also bound to fail. A wise man never holds his enemies in contempt. In consideration of these things, we suggested in the columns of our paper that if he would postpone his foreign tours until 14 August, it would be better, not only for the nation and the country, but for him also. However, it seems, that he and his colleagues are fully aware of and satisfied with the situation. Launching movements or the possibility of their failure are not matters only to be dealt with by the government in power or the political parties. The situation which is appearing is known to all and is also becoming a cause for concern. The vehicle is no doubt running but are the passen-

gers certain that they are getting close to their destination? The answer to this question can only be given by President Zia, his colleagues, or the political leaders.

**MRD Convener Rearrested After Fleeing Punjab**

GF201157 *Dubayy Khaleej Times in English* 20 Jul 83 p 1

[Correspondent's report]

[Text] Islamabad — Mr Sherbaz Mazari, MRD convener, was re-arrested in Karachi on Monday night by the Punjab police and brought to his home village Rojahan in Dera Ghazi Khan district of Punjab, from where he had slipped out last week by dodging his guards.

Mr Mazari had been put under house arrest in his village under orders of the Punjab government. Early this month he was expelled by the Sind government from the province and flown to Lahore from where the police took him to his village and confined there for a period of 90 days.

**Talks With India on Double Taxation Begin 18 July**

BK181642 *Delhi Domestic Service in English* 1530 GMT 18 Jul 83

[Text] Official level talks between India and Pakistan on avoiding double taxation commenced in Islamabad today. The talks are a followup of a decision taken at the recent joint commission

meeting. Taxation officials from both sides will review the existing position and explore the possibility of concluding a comprehensive tax treaty or a limited treaty. The talks are scheduled to last until Saturday.

**Tehran Paper on PRC Arms Shipments to Pakistan**

GF171402 *Tehran ETTALA'AT in Persian* 17 Jul 83 P 12

[Text] The Government of China has announced an accord on the shipment of destroyers, submarines, and patrol boats to Pakistan.

The *Daily Tribune* of Chandigarh, capital of Punjab Province, referring to the above-mentioned subject, has written: It has also been decided that Pakistan will buy modern tanks, MiG-19's and TU-2 and TU-16 bombers from China.

While mentioning the fact that Pakistan has strengthened its armored forces in the Chhamb area located in the Jammu region, the paper says Chinese military experts have lately visited the border posts of Pakistan and India at Gilgit and Maralavir. The Pakistani Government in the past has denied Indian charges that Pakistan had strengthened its armed forces on the Indian border, especially in the Kashmir region.

**Operation Launched Against 'Counterrevolutionaries'**  
*LD201133 Tehran IRNA in English 1033 GMT 20 Jul 83*

[Text] Urumiyeh, July 20 (IRNA) — In a four-hour operation for the elimination of the armed saboteurs in the northwest of the country the bases of counterrevolution deep inside the Iraqi territory in Haji Emran area were destroyed and a great number of the counterrevolutionaries and the Iraqi forces who had rushed to their rescue were killed and or wounded and many more were captured by the Islamic combatants of Iran.

According to reports from the Hamzeh Base, the Islamic combatants mainly the armed forces, the Islamic revolution's Guards Corps, and the Muslim Kurdish Peshmerga, launched a crushing plan this morning west of Piranshah, west Azarbaijan Province.

In that four-hour operation, some stations belonging to counter-revolution and their logistics sources beyond the borders of Iran were fully annihilated and some of the enemy ammunitions, logistics and war materiel were seized by the Iranian forces.

No sooner the operation started, than the Iraqi forces rushed to the rescue of the counterrevolution, but an hour later, their resistance was totally shattered in the face of the Islamic combatants of Iran, and hence they were compelled to escape.

In this operation, some of the saboteurs and the Iraqi rescue forces were captured by the Islamic combatants and the Kurdish Peshmerga.

**Nine Border Battalions Formed in Eastern Provinces**  
*GF201630 Tehran IRNA in English 1600 GMT 20 Jul 83*

[Text] Tabriz, July 20 (IRNA) — Nine border battalions have been formed in the eastern provinces of Sistan va Baluchestan and Khorasan, announced the head of the Gendarmerie, Colonel Kuchekzadeh.

Kuchekzadeh, who is here currently, added that three more battalions were to be formed for the northern borders of the Azarbaijan provinces.

He concluded by saying that the border forces as they fight the counterrevolution and the deviate splinter groups in Kordestan, would fight smuggling and thefts in the eastern provinces.

**Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,382**  
*LD201703 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Jul 83*

[Communique No 1,382 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Last night, during an operation in the Piranshah region to crush the puppet, apostate mingroups and destroy the positions of their Ba'thist, Zionist protectors, the combatants of Islam penetrated enemy positions and dealt heavy blows.

Also yesterday, our forces' fire destroyed an enemy cannon and an engineering vehicle in the Baneh sector and killed or wounded a number of Iraqi personnel.

In the Marivan sector, the combatants of Islam brought enemy positions in the Tutman, (Garmaleh), and Salim sectors under fire, destroying an ammunition dump, a personnel truck, and a number of enemy trenches and fox holes and inflicting considerable damage to the installations of the (Diyareh) Garrison.

Yesterday, the forces of Islam continued defending their positions on the southern fronts and kept enemy movements under control.

Yesterday, long-range enemy fire wrecked three houses in Abadan and damaged part of a government building.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

**Prime Minister Denies Buying Arms From ROK**  
*LD201221 Tehran IRNA in English 1037 GMT 20 Jul 83*

[Text] Tehran, July 20, IRNA — Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi here today categorically denied claims by the Western media alleging Iran of having purchased arms from the West through South Korea.

Speaking after a Cabinet ministers' meeting, he referred to such reports as baseless rumours aimed at marring the achievements of the Iranian combatants.

"Because of severe economic sanctions imposed on Iran in the world, we obtain our arms through our representatives in the free market and so far no arms have been purchased from the United States," he said.

He added the U.S. had refused to deliver those arms to Iran ordered and paid for under the shah's regime. He further remarked that the U.S. Administration owed Iran large sums of money for the oil which was sold to the U.S. at the early days of the Islamic revolution. The prime minister stressed that both these cases would be brought at the Hague.

The Iranian people should know that the U.S. Government has not stopped its oppressive moves and continues to commit acts of violation at the Hague. However, he pointed out, "we will powerfully stand against any violation at the Hague."

As for the current meeting of the oil ministers of 13 OPEC countries in Helsinki, Finland, which along with other issues was to choose the future secretary general of the organisation, he said that it was obvious that Iraq and a number of other countries would create problems. "We have decided not to retreat a step because the next secretary general of OPEC should be elected from Iran with unanimity of votes," he added.

Finally, on the eminent trip of the Lebanese President Amin al-Jamayil to the U.S., Musavi said that there has been attempts to make the Syrian troops to pull out of Lebanon. Following signing of the agreement between the Zionist regime and the Lebanese Government, pressure to make the Syrian forces to leave Lebanon has increased. "We hope that our Syrian brothers who are in the frontline of the struggle against Zionism, will resist, and turn their forces into firm supporters of the movement of Muslim people of Lebanon," he concluded.

#### **Delegation Returns From Saudi Arabia, Issues Statement**

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20 Jul 83*

[Text] A delegation from the Islamic Republic of Iran, led by the international affairs under secretary to the Ministry of Islamic Guidance, which went to Saudi Arabia to explain the positions and views of the Islamic Republic of Iran, returned to Tehran today and issued a statement at Mahabad Airport on the results of that trip:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Following the multifarious acts of sabotage by the officials of the Saudi Government on preparing the ground for the visit by some 95,000 esteemed Iranian pilgrims to Allah's holy house and the repeated warnings by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Saudi Government concerning this a delegation, led by the international affairs under secretary to the Ministry of Islamic Guidance and with the membership of representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization, recently left for Saudi Arabia to express the views and positions of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding these difficulties with the hope of resolving them.

During a meeting between this delegation and the Saudi deputy minister of hajj and awqaf and also with the interior minister, the Iranian delegation expressed its displeasure with the reactions already shown to the Iranian group securing provisions and accommodation in Saudi Arabia and also with the obstacles placed across the path of the number of people requested by the Islamic Republic of Iran to receive provisions and accommodation and announced that it deemed such reactions as tantamount to the Saudi authorities' opposition to the pilgrimage of Iranian pilgrims to that country and an expression of their hostility to Iran's revolutionary Muslim nation.

Next the Islamic Republic of Iran's proposals were put forward to the Saudi authorities with regard to resolving the difficulties and a reminder was given that with the rejection of these proposals the possibility of securing the living conditions for Iranian hajj pilgrims in Saudi Arabia would no longer be there. The delegation proclaimed that it would wait for an answer for 24 hours and that it would deem a negative response to these proposals or a lack of response to the same as an even greater act of sabotage than that already perpetrated.

With the utmost regret the Government of Saudi Arabia, despite the responsibility it shoulders vis-a-vis the pilgrims to Allah's holy house, opposed the said requests which merely secured the necessary conditions for carrying out that holy pilgrimage and

the Iranian delegation also deemed its mission as terminated and returned to Islamic homeland of Iran.

Now, while begging to inform the esteemed Muslim nation of Iran of the situation, we express our displeasure with and protest against that wrong action by the Government of Saudi Arabia and beg God Almighty to grant honor and greatness to Islam and Muslims and to thwart the treachery of the foes of Islam and Muslims.

#### **Musavi Meets With Indian Foreign Minister Rao**

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21 Jul 83*

[Text] According to our correspondent's report, Indian Foreign Minister Narashimha Rao yesterday met and held talks with Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi. Foreign Affairs Minister Velayati and the ambassadors of the two countries were also present at this meeting.

The prime minister welcomed the formation of the joint commission of Iran and India, which has been agreed upon in draft, and said that before any expansion of relations, it is necessary to expand knowledge on each other's societies. Musavi added: "We expect that India, which has a moral influence on the Nonaligned Movement, and is one of its founders, will make efforts to confront and prevent the greed of the great powers."

The prime minister also pointed out that the stand of the Islamic Republic on the occupation of Afghanistan has not changed. He said: "As announced 2 years ago, we are demanding the unconditional withdrawal of the Soviets from Afghanistan and are supporting self-determination for the people of Afghanistan. We believe that the withdrawal of the Soviets will assist in the Americanization of the region and, therefore, the United States must withdraw from the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean."

The prime minister pointed to the dangers of interpreting the presence of the forces of the superpowers in the region as a normal situation. He added: "This situation now exists, but it is an ominous phenomenon which must be destroyed."

In this meeting, Indian Foreign Minister Rao stated that the presence of the superpowers' forces must be eliminated, as it would be unfortunate to become accustomed to the presence of such forces. Close cooperation and coordination are necessary to accomplish this task until the Indian Ocean and all the regions are cleansed and freed of such a presence.

#### **Shari'a Judge Discusses Punishments for Profiteers**

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20 Jul 83*

[Text] The guilds courts shari'a judge spoke in a press conference today.

Commenting on profiteering and hoarding, he said: "Under current circumstances if one suspects that profiteering and hoarding are used as a political weapon against the Islamic

Republic, then hoarders will be declared as corrupt on earth and warriors against God and will be condemned and receive maximum punishment.

Commenting on the guilds court activities, the shari'a judge said, at the moment two branches of the court are examining existing cases and about 100 cases are examined daily. He also added: From the beginning of this year, more than 50 million tumans have been collected in the form of cash fines from profiteers and hoarders and a considerable amount of goods which had been hoarded such as textile and home appliances have been confiscated.

He added: Although so far we have only dealt with profiteers and hoarders by fining them, from now on, in view of the Islamic and revolutionary move to be taken, if it is proved to us that there are any ulterior motivation and evil intention under cover of hoarding and profiteering, then we will not consider fines as sufficient and the offenders will be sentenced to long imprisonment, physical punishment in front of their places of trade, closure of their trade, cancellation of licenses, and other severe sentences.

#### **Anti-Black Market Cail Seen as Pretext for Executions**

GF18/832 (Clandestine) *Free Voice of Iran in Persian*  
1330 GMT 18 Jul 83

[Text] According to reliable sources, the regime's propaganda regarding the campaign against black marketeering is merely to hoodwink the people, because the maximum that the incompetent government of Mir-Hoseyn Musavi intends to do is to settle accounts with the hojatiyeh faction and the bazaar merchants affiliated with it. Their motive is not to combat high prices.

Completely reliable sources reporting to Free Voice of Iran correspondents say that the illicit Tehran government will execute a few bazaar merchants and dealers on the pretext of a campaign against black marketeering. The fact is that no campaign is being undertaken against high prices and only a few people who are members of the hojatiyeh faction will be executed.

#### **Free Voice of Iran Reports on Kordestan Situation**

GF17/854 (Clandestine) *Free Voice of Iran in Persian*  
1500 GMT 17 Jul 83

[Text] Following the move by a group of Jash against the Kurdish fighters, the Rastgari Corps' peshmarga carried out the revolutionary execution of a Jash, called Hoseyni, in the village of Kamala in Uraman. He had been tried in absentia for treason against Kurdish fighters and had been sentenced to death. Rastgari Corps, while announcing responsibility for this execution, stated that the execution is a reward for the treason of all those who may want to join Khomeyni's guards. Rastgari also warned the group of Kurdish people who have received arms from Khomeyni's regime to fight the Kurdish strugglers to hand over their arms to such forces as soon as possible. Violators will be tried in absentia and punished.

Currently the major groups struggling against the regime of Khomeyni are: Komleh, Democrats, Mojahedin-e Khalq, Rastgari Corps, and the III Corps [as heard].

#### **Radio Iran Urges Communicating Resistance Information**

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20 Jul 83

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] We would like to bring our compatriots' attention to a destiny-making point especially worthy of notice at this time of growing national resistance. Events now happening in Tehran and other cities and even in Iranian villages are the brave reactions of a harassed nation against the most hated regime in world history. Iran today is making news every moment around the world. The atmosphere has changed. The angry and desperate people are showing their glorious resistance against the murdering and filthy regime.

However, the Iranian people are not aware of all the news from every part of the country. This suffocating regime will not allow the resistance in one city to learn about another struggle in a different city. It is our national duty to circulate reports of clashes and confrontations created by this spreading wave of resistance and combat, from one city to another and never glorify our individual roles.

Compatriots, the simplest way of spreading the heartwarming news of resistance is to use the telephones. Use them often and pass the real news to anyone who answers the call. Do not allow the glorious examples of the people on your street or town to go unnoticed under a blanket of silence thrown over the realities of life in Iran by the mass publications of the regime. Pass any news to three others by telephone and ask them to do the same. What we are talking about is based on the needs of the internal strugglers. Quickly spread the hope-giving reports of the struggle across Iran without any exaggeration. Use telephone conversations and random selection of callers to create a telephone newspaper to combat the lie-disseminating publications of the regime. This will be a truthful and simple network, an Iranian publication with the largest circulation.

#### **Montazeri's Selection as Khomeyni's Successor Viewed**

GF17/900 (Clandestine) *Radio Iran in Persian* 1330 GMT  
17 Jul 83

[Text] The third secret session of members of the Council of Experts was held in the Feyziyeh School in Qom. Its future sessions will be held in the Majlis building in Tehran.

The council is supposed to select Khomeyni's successor. Religious observers in Qom have said that the secret session of the council in Qom was an attempt to investigate the reactions which may occur following the announcement of the selection of Mullah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri as Khomeyni's successor. Moderate religious figures in Qom say that signs of resistance and condemna

tion of the selection of Mullah Montazeri can be observed right now.

A religious figure in Shiraz has said: I cannot predict the future but you can announce the number of votes of the council right now for the people to understand the meaning of a contrived assembly. He said this during a sermon and added: Mr Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri-Najafabadi will be selected unanimously as Khomeyni's successor rather than with a majority vote.

Another report states that Montazeri and Khomeyni's photographs now can be seen side by side in all government organizations and during all Friday prayers. There is also talk in religious circles about Khomeyni's will which was first handed over to the council without any seal.

### Reportage on Afghan Mujahidin Activities

GF191446 Tehran International Service in Turkish 1830 GMT 18 Jul 83

[Text] Muslim Afghan revolutionaries captured 19 officials of the Kabul regime on a road leading to Afghanistan's border with Pakistan last Saturday. Among the captured prisoners are a number of security men. Afghan mujahidin also captured a Soviet soldier during an armed operation.

Clashing with Soviet occupation troops and the Kabul regime's forces in Nimruz Province, the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries destroyed a number of Soviet [word indistinct] and a Soviet communications set. Eight Soviet and Afghan state forces personnel defected to the revolutionaries during this clash.

### MiG-27 Downed in Herat

GD201216 Tehran International Service in Turkish 1830 GMT 19 Jul 83

[Text] Muslim Afghan revolutionaries downed a Soviet MiG-27 in the vicinity of (Divanchi) in Herat Province on 8 July. They also captured the pilot of the aircraft. To avenge the incident, the occupationist Soviet troops shelled the homes, fields, and wheat collection centers of the people living in the (Divanchi) region. They also set them on fire.

Muslim Afghan revolutionaries attacked two guard posts belonging to the occupationist Soviet troops and the Kabul regime forces in Herat Province last week. They inflicted losses and seized a mortar and 18 pieces of arms.

During the past year, Muslim Afghan revolutionaries killed or wounded 1,688 Soviet troops in various parts of Herat Province, destroying, in the meantime, 53 tanks and carriers and downing a number of aircraft. They captured also 524 tanks and carriers and seized other military equipment.

### NVOI Commentary Cites 'Cries of Protests'

GF201720 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1800 GMT 19 Jul 83

[Unattributed commentary: People Will Not Abandon Their Rights]

[Text] Dear compatriots, well-informed, intellectual circles in our homeland consider the intensification of moves to terrorize and suffocate the true revolutionary forces and the dastardly and traitorous attack against them as excuses not to end the brother-killing war in Kordestan or the imposed war as well as an excuse used by the Islamic leadership to divert public opinion from the critical national issues.

However, irrespective of all such animalistic traits, chicanery and public deceit, the people of our homeland are becoming more deeply aware of the truth. It is not accidental that the cries of protests by the toiling people, those who knowingly or otherwise previously defended and supported the Islamic leadership, are getting louder and louder throughout the country and even in Tehran itself. Dreadful unemployment, skyrocketing prices, the backbreaking cost of living, and the fascist terror and suffocation brought about by the policies of the turbaned Islamic leadership has exhausted the ordinary and toiling population.

People know that in reality what the Islamic leadership promised early in the revolution and after the revolution, by taking advantage of the popular religious feelings and their faith in true Islam, has been trampled on and there is no longer any sign of the goals or slogans of the revolution.

It is an undeniable fact that the current leadership is not one for which the people revolted. The people of our homeland are dealing with individuals in the Islamic leadership today that neither adhere to the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran nor consider themselves bound by any human, moral, or even Islamic values. The people's experience has shown them that these people who came into office riding the waves of the revolution of the Iranian nation not only have used every possible underhanded method to oppress other revolutionaries who do not think like them but also have no fear of using terror and plots to force combatant Muslims out as well. Bombings, political assassinations, and even the bomb explosion at the central headquarters of the Islamic Republican Party which caused the death of 76 religious and political figures were carried out by the agents of such people on the basis of CIA plans. This shows the antipopular nature of these gentlemen.

People can see the truth and have realized through their own experience that the leadership which has had all its key posts taken over by the rightist elements is unable to give a revolutionary answer to any of the just and pressing wants of the oppressed and toiling people. It has not done anything in this respect so far either. This is why the people's protests are raised

against the injustice, terror, and suffocation that are ruling the country, against unemployment and high prices.

Only several days ago a very large protest demonstration was held by the oppressed people against the unbearable present situation in Tehran's Afsariyeh. This led to the deaths of dozens, including a large number of guards. The protesters demanded the fulfillment of the promises and also demanded work, water, bread, and other basic necessities of life. Irrespective of the threats of the so-called revolution chief prosecutor and his excellency the prime minister who both label any urgent and justified demand of the people as counterrevolution, and irrespective of the barbaric attack by the guards against the workers — this led to many arrests — people will continue to protest. People want fundamental changes to benefit the oppressed. People want to realize the goals and slogans of the democratic, popular, and anti-imperialist revolution of the Iranian nation. People want a real end to the power of the feudalists, khans [tribal leaders], and capitalists, these enemies of the workers and the fifth column of imperialism. The Islamic leadership has to abide by these just and legitimate demands of the Iranian workers or else it will find itself meeting the same end as other antipopular regimes.

### Ministry of Social Welfare Established

[Editorial Report] Tehran International Service in Arabic at 0800 GMT on 18 July carried the headline: The institution of Social Services has been renamed the Ministry of Social Welfare."

### Briefs

**Sistan va Baluchestan Development Funding** — Zahedan, July 17 (IRNA) — Some 9.5 billion rials (111 million dollars) has been allocated for the development credits of the Sistan and Baluchestan Province this year, to carry out 391 projects here, this was announced in the meeting of the provincial officials, and new Governor-General Ahmad Nasri, Saturday night. Nasri, while expressing satisfaction over the expenditure of the credits of the past year for the province, hoped that all the said 111 million dollars be spent this year and added that if the said amount was spent and the province needed more funds, the government would provide it for the province. [Text] [Tehran IRNA in English 0907 GMT 17 Jul 83 GF]